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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PFOR, CG

SUBJECT:ZAIRE SITREP

1. FOLLOWING IS FOR GENERAL BACKGROUND AND USE AS APPRO-
PRIATE WITH UTMOST DISCRETION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST
GOVERNMENTS.

2. THERE HAS BEEN VERY LITTLE CHANGE IN TACTICAL SITUATION
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IN PAST 24 HOURS. ZAIRIANS CONTINUE TO CONTROL IMPORTANT
MUTSHATSHA-KOLWEZI ROAD AT LEAST 60 MILES WEST OF KOLWEZI.

3. DOMESTIC SITUATION: THE GOZ HAS REACTED TO ANTI-
MOBUTU ACTIVITY IN THE CAPITAL BY ARRESTING SUSPECTED
OP,OSITION MEMBERS, WHO ARE SPEAKING OPENLY AGAINST THE
MOBUTU REGIME AND RECRUITING OTHERS TO JOIN THEM. A

NUMBER OF ANGOLAN RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED BY SECRET POLICE. THE GOVERNMENT PARTY, MPR, PLANS HOLDS "GIGANTIC MARCH OF SUPPORT" FOR MOBUTU SUNDAY, APRIL 3. THIS APPEARS BE FIRST TIME SINCE START OF HOSTILITIES GOZ WILLING RISK PUBLIC ASSEMBLY IN CAPITAL.

4. NIGERIAN DIPLOMATIC EFFORT: MIN. OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS GARBA REPORTEDLY HAD GOOD MEETING WITH MOBUTU AND CONFIRMED NIGERIA'S CONTINUED WILLINGNESS TO PRESS

MEDIATION EFFORT IN LUANDA.

5. GOZ INTRODUCED CENSORSHIP OF PRESS: FOREIGN PRESS WAS SUMMONED TO BRIEFING MARCH 31 BY GOZ AND CRITICIZED FOR INCORRECT REPORTING AND WARNED THAT STRONGER ACTION MIGHT BE NEEDED. GOZ LATER INITIATED CENSORSHIP OF OUTGOING PRESS CABLES. IT NOT CERTAIN WHETHER GOZ WILL ATTEMPT CENSOR CORRESPONDENTS FILING BY INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE. AS CAN BE EXPECTED, US PRESS IS REACTING NEGATIVELY TO CENSORSHIP.

6. AMCITS: AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI REPORTED THAT ONLY AMERICANS IN SHABA AREA OUTSIDE OF LUBUMBASHI ARE TEN MISSIONARIES HELD BY INVADERS AT KAPANGA AND SANDOA, FOUR PEOPLE AT KOLWEZI, AND TWO ANTHROPOLOGISTS IN KONGOLO. CHRISTOPHER

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